

Ukraine (Ages 13-15)

Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)

FACT SHEET



The Ukraine GYTS includes data on prevalence of cigarette and other tobacco use as well as information on five determinants of tobacco use: access/availability and price, exposure to secondhand smoke (SHS), cessation, media and advertising, and school curriculum. These determinants are components Ukraine could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Ukraine GYTS was a school-based survey of students in forms 7 through 9 conducted in 2005. A two-stage cluster

sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Ukraine. At the first stage, schools were selected with probability proportional to enrollment size. At the second stage, classes were randomly selected and all students in selected classes were eligible to participate. The school response rate was 85.9%, the class response rate was 100%, the student response rate was 84.3%, and the overall response rate was 72.4%. A total of 6,579 students aged 13-15 participated in the Ukraine GYTS.

Prevalence

57.5% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Boys = 64.5%, Girls = 50.6%)
 26.0% currently use any tobacco product (Boys = 29.8%, Girls = 22.2%)
 24.0% currently smoke cigarettes (Boys = 27.6%, Girls = 20.6%)
 8.6% currently daily cigarette smokers (Boys = 11.1%, Girls = 6.2%)
 11.6% currently smoke cigars (Boys = 13.4%, Girls = 9.5%)
 31.8% ever smokers initiated smoking before age ten (Boys = 40.4%, Girls = 21.4%)
 61.6% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year (Boys = 55.1%, Girls = 66.0%)

Access and Availability - Current Smokers

5.1% usually smoke at home
 75.5% buy cigarettes in a store
 64.1% who bought cigarettes in a store were NOT refused purchase because of their age

Exposure to Secondhand Smoke (SHS)

70.1% live in homes where others smoke in their presence
 84.4% are around others who smoke in places outside their home
 83.2% think smoking should be banned from public places
 41.5% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 62.4% have one or more parents who smoke
 23.8% have most or all friends who smoke

Cessation - Current Smokers

74.5% want to stop smoking
 82.1% tried to stop smoking during the past year
 77.5% have ever received help to stop smoking
 7.5% always have or feel like having a cigarette first thing in the morning

Media and Advertising

81.8% saw anti-smoking media messages vs. 67.5% saw pro media messages on TV
 76.6% saw anti messages vs. 77.9% saw pro messages on billboards
 54.0% saw anti smoking ads vs. 72.9% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines
 26.0% have an object with a cigarette brand logo
 10.1% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

School

86.7% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking
 79.8% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke
 88.6% had been taught in class, during the past year, the effects of tobacco use

Highlights

- Over 1 in 4 students currently use any form of tobacco; 24% currently smoke cigarettes; 11.6% currently smoke cigars; more than 3 in 5 never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year.
- SHS exposure is very high – 7 in 10 students live in homes where others smoke in their presence; over 4 in 5 are exposed to smoke in public places; more than 3 in 5 students have one or more parents who smoke.
- Over 2 in 5 students think smoke from others is harmful to them.
- More than 4 in 5 students think smoking in public places should be banned.
- Three-quarters of the current smokers want to stop smoking; Over 4 in 5 students who currently smoke have tried to stop smoking in the past year.
- Over 1 in 4 students has an object with a cigarette brand logo.
- Over 4 in 5 students saw anti-smoking messages on TV vs. two-thirds saw pro messages; More than three-quarters saw anti messages on billboards vs. close to 8 in 10 saw pro messages; Over half saw anti ads in newspapers vs. close to three-quarters saw pro ads.